



# River Near Its Crest Here

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A slight slowdown in the flooded Mississippi today prompted the Weather Bureau to delay the predicted crest at Winona until late Tuesday.

The river, rising over the weekend to a reading of 20.67

at noon today, was headed for predicted three-day morning readings of:

Tuesday	21.2
Wednesday	21.5
Thursday	21.5

Then, says the Weather Bureau's expert, Joe Strub in

Minneapolis, a slow fall will set in, which at the start will be very slight.

The crest of the Mississippi flood was at LAKE CITY this morning and moving on WABASHA where a crest is expected tonight or Tuesday morning at 20.5 feet.

The river was falling at St. Paul today with a reading of 24.7 and predicted drops to 23.6, 22.4 and 21.2 in the next three days.

A continued fall was expected at HASTINGS where the reading this morning was 25.1 and at RED WING where the stage was 20.9 and was expected to hold for the next two or three days and then fall slowly.

At LA CROSSE the reading today was 17.6 with predicted rises to 18 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Eighteen feet is expected to be the crest there.

The trend was noticeable in the 24-hour changes along the Mississippi. At Red Wing the rise was only .1 of a foot while at La Crosse the gain was one foot. The sharpest increase was from Dakota to La Crosse, all having an inch or more rise.

## The River Inches Up

The hour-by-hour story of the Mississippi stages follows.

Saturday	
4 p.m.	20.25
5 p.m.	20.30
6 p.m.	20.31
7 p.m.	20.32
8 p.m.	20.33
Sunday	
1 a.m.	19.68
2 a.m.	19.75
3 a.m.	19.78
4 a.m.	19.80
5 a.m.	19.85
Monday	
6 a.m.	19.90
7 a.m.	19.91
8 a.m.	19.95
9 a.m.	19.99
10 a.m.	20.05
11 a.m.	20.08
12 m.	20.12
1 p.m.	20.12
2 p.m.	20.18
3 p.m.	20.21

## Storm Sewer Trouble Forces Some Removals

Evacuation of residents from several city areas was ordered today by Mayor R. K. Ellings. The move began at 1:30 p.m.

The areas are those in which the city engineer has decided the danger of storm sewer overflow exists. Such flooding would be the result of internal pressure in sewers caused by force of the river pushing into outlets as it rises.

Dikes themselves will not be affected, the mayor said, but considerable local flooding could occur in these low-lying areas if a major breakout occurs.

Since the evacuation is an emergency measure, residents would be removed by police and National Guard troops, the mayor said. These forces also are responsible for area security when they are vacated.

Areas to be evacuated are:

- Between High Forest and Chatfield streets, from 3rd Street to the river.
- From Jefferson Street east, Wabasha Street to the river.
- Between Athletic Park and Olmstead Street, from 5th Street to the river.
- Between Olmstead and Wilson streets, from 4th Street to the river.
- Between Wilson and Huff streets, from 3rd Street to the river.



ANOTHER EXPLOSION... A crew with pumps works on the manhole at West Broadway and Winona Street. A cruiser is in the background. Note the small pump on the sidewalk, removing water from the house basement. Water will flow into Lake Winona. (Daily News photo)

No ice was flowing over Winona Dam 5A today and Wallace Voss, lockmaster there, reported flowage at 280,000 cubic feet per second.

Figures for the past week, showing the steady climb, follows:

April 10	101,000
April 14	153,000
April 15	182,000
April 16	210,000
April 17	230,000
April 18	245,000

GOV KARL Rolvaag, who designated 48 of Minnesota's 87 counties as flood disaster areas, conferred in St. Paul Sunday with Army Corps of Engineers officials from Washington, D.C. Brig. Gen. H. J. Woodbury Jr., deputy director of civil works for the corps, said more than \$140 million potential damage had been prevented by dike work before and during the floods.

## Flood Worker Dies After Delivering Bags

Winona's first death involving a flood worker was recorded early today when a rural Winona truck driver collapsed after delivering a load of sandbags.

William Fitzgerald, 35, Winona Rt. 1, was pronounced dead on arrival at Community Memorial Hospital.

## Estimated 5,000 On Flood Duty

About 20 percent of Winona's population is engaged one way or another in the fight to save the city from flood waters of the Mississippi River, Ray Brown, manager of the Minnesota Employment Service, said today.

Brown estimated that about 5,000 men and women are working on the dikes or in supporting roles in what — for Winona — is an epic struggle to defeat nature. Of the 5,000, Brown estimates that between 2,500 and 3,000 have been placed through his office, most of them for dike work.

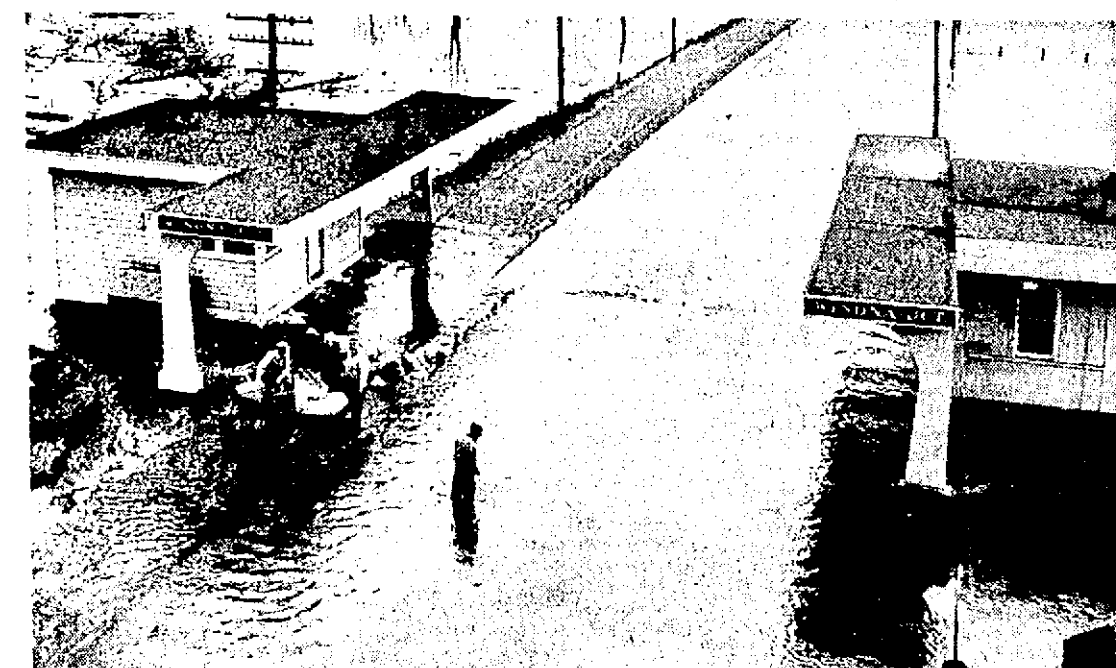
"THERE IS NOT a single instance through the emergency of any one time when a project was held up for lack of manpower," Brown said. Not only Winonans, but people from all over the area, adults and youngsters, have joined in the fight, Brown said.

Brown added that he has today a small surplus of men and another "good supply" he can tap through radio and telephone communication. Many area men are quartered locally on standby, according to the employment service manager.

He sent out 250 men this morning, Brown said, and has 100 men physically in the area of the employment office who can be sent out immediately should the need arise.

CREWS ON THE dikes are becoming more stabilized as time goes on, Brown said. The contractors know their needs better and can tell crews going off the job when to return, rather than turning to the employment service for fresh crews several times a day.

Brown is kept up to date on contractors' requests for men through telephone calls each half hour. There were more than 400 men working on Prairie Island today alone, he said.



ONCE A RAILROAD... This is looking east from the overhead, down the Burlington Railroad at Winona Junction. The depth of the water is indicated by the member of the sandbag crew standing on the tracks. The first break in the dikes surrounding Winona was at the end of the view. (Daily News photo)

IN STILLWATER, the St. Croix River fluctuated a little above and a little below the anticipated crest. Councilman E. O. Iverson said the 5,000-foot dike protecting the downtown section was standing firm. Intersections remained guarded, to prevent non-essential traffic from entering the city. A few basements and some streets had water.

CIVIL DEFENSE workers today police at 1:29 a.m. to find that a man had collapsed at the lift station at East Front and High Forest streets.

Police found Fitzgerald lying unconscious. An unidentified youth was giving him artificial respiration. Police were giving him oxygen when firemen arrived with a palmator. Fitzgerald was then taken to the hospital.

The Upper Mississippi remained at its predicted crest of 14.4 feet at Altkin, in north central Minnesota. A Civil Defense spokesman said ice was breaking up and moving well but added the river could swell downstream.

In Stillwater, someone planted some Easter lilies Sunday among dirt and sandbags under a sign that proclaims the levee there as "Teenagers Dike." Young people did yeoman duty on the Stillwater dikes, as they did earlier at Mankato and elsewhere.

"I guess the kids got something to talk about when they got older," said Strub.

Fitzgerald had delivered a load of sandbags in a city truck. Other workers said he had talked with them several minutes before collapsing.

An autopsy will be performed to determine exact cause of death, Police Chief James McCabe said.

MR. FITZGERALD was born here Dec. 5, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, and had lived in this area all his life except for about two years when he resided in California. He served in the U.S. Army in 1943 and on Sept. 20, 1952 married Donna Loth in Winona.

He operated Hill Top Tavern near Stockton.

Survivors are: His parents, who live at 64 Lenox St.; his wife; three sons, Donald, James and David, Winona, and two sis-



ters, Mrs. Edmund (Jean) Modzejewski, Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. Daniel (Patricia) Cole, Richmond, Calif.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at Watkowsk Funeral Home and at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Minnetonka. The Most Rev. Bishop George Speltz will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday after 2 p.m. and a Rosary will be said at 8.

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**STATED COMMUNICATION**

Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 o'clock

George M. Robertson Jr., W.M.

Regular Meetings  
1st and 3rd Mondays—8:00 p.m.  
Social Nights—Other Mondays

**INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS**

Milton Knutson, N.G.

**Notice of Annual Meeting of Woodlawn Cemetery Association**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Lot Owners of Woodlawn Cemetery Association will be held Tuesday, April 20, 1965, 3:30 p.m. at the First National Bank.

WOODLAWN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
NEIL K. SAWYER, SECRETARY.